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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/038,348	MIYAZAWA ET AL.
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	Elizabeth M Cole	1771

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 - a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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1. Claims 6 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In claim 6 it is not clear what is meant by "hinokitiol". In claim 13, it is not clear what the difference is between nursing and care use. Therefore, these claims are vague and indefinite

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-3, 7-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 98/03147 to Hammonds et al. Hammonds et al discloses a nonwoven wiper comprising 0.5 to 50 weight percent of a plant extract (see page 3, lines 12-14), which has been extracted with a polyhydric alcohol such as 1,3, butylenes glycol, (see page 5, lines 31-33). The basis weight of the nonwoven can be 60-85 gsm, (see page 6, lines 24-31) and may comprise polymeric and cellulosic fibers. The size and area of the nonwoven meets the claimed limitations, (see page 8, line 32- page 9, line 6).

Hammonds discloses that the oatmeal has a soothing, moisturizing effect on the skin.

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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5. Claims 3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hammonds et al in view of either of Corey et al or JP 226324. Hammonds et al does not disclose the particular claimed plant extracts. Both Corey et al, (see col. 3, lines 32-34) and JP '324 teach employing the particularly claimed plant extracts in nonwoven wipes and hygiene products. Therefore, it would have been obvious to have employed the plant extracts disclosed in either of Corey et al or JP '324 in the wipe of Hammonds et al. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to employ the plant extracts disclosed in Corey or JP '324 because both references teach that the plant extracts were known to be useful in hygiene products and to have a beneficial effect on skin health.

6. Claims 4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hammonds et al in view of JP 09158042. Hammonds et al does not disclose the particular claimed plant extracts. JP '042 teaches employing the particularly claimed plant extracts in nonwoven wipes and hygiene products. Therefore, it would have been obvious to have employed the plant extracts disclosed in JP '042 in the wipe of Hammonds et al. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to employ the plant extracts disclosed in JP '042 because both references teach that the plant extracts were known to be useful in hygiene products and to have a beneficial effect on skin health.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elizabeth M. Cole whose telephone number is (703) 308-0037. The examiner may be reached between 6:30 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Thursday.

Mr. Terrel Morris, the examiner's supervisor, may be reached at (703) 308-2414.

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